

PEOPLE FLED  
IN TERRORMessina, Sicily, Again Shaken  
by Earthquake

## DAMAGE IS NOT KNOWN

Sicilian City Visited by Two Shocks To-day and Place is Practically Desolate, the Inhabitants Having Recent Calamity in Mind.

Naples, Italy, May 8.—The entire population of the city of Messina in Sicily fled today when two strong earthquakes shook the ruins which were made by the terrible calamity of a few months ago. The city is practically desolate. The extent of the damage is not known.

STOPPED HIS TRAIN  
JUST IN TIMEFireman's Quick Wit Averted a Severe  
Loss of Life in North Station  
Last Night.

Boston, May 8.—The quick-witted action of George A. Davis of Haverhill, on the locomotive of the train due here from Haverhill, on the Boston and Maine railroad, at 10:33 o'clock last night, probably saved the lives of many passengers.

With the engineer, Edward Gibson of Somerville, stunned by a slight accident at the Prison Point bridge, the train was running at high speed into the North station, when the fireman discovered that something was wrong, leaped to the emergency brake and applied it in season to prevent a disaster of magnitude. The pressure of the air brake stopped the rapid revolution of the wheels of the train, but the impact was so great that locomotive and cars slid along the rails in the terminus, and tore away the bumper at the end of the track, running about twenty-five feet into the platform before they came to a standstill.

No one was seriously injured, though three of the passengers complained that they were badly shaken. They required no treatment, however, and went to their homes unassisted.

The accident which disabled the engineer was caused by a steel guy rope, used in operating one of the draws at the Prison Point bridge. Leaving far out of the cab window, as he traversed the maze of switches in the yard, heading for the lights of the terminus, Engineer Gibson was struck and rendered unconscious by the heavy steel cable as he passed.

Fireman Davis, on his side of the cab, knew nothing of the trouble, until the locomotive was almost at the entrance of the North station. Then finding that the speed was not diminishing, he climbed quickly to the engineer's side of the cab and threw on the emergency brake.

The engineer's injuries were not severe and he recovered consciousness in a short time. The train was in charge of Conductor William Chase of Haverhill.

## WAGON KILLS BABY.

Driver Leans of Tragedy Only When  
Told.

Boston, May 8.—A small baby, 3 years old, a mere baby, was crushed to death by the wheels of a brewery wagon yesterday afternoon at North and Lewis streets. The little life was so tiny an incident to the progress of the heavy truck, that the driver never knew, until a young man raced after him and caught his horse's bridle, that an accident had happened.

Accused Badaano was the daughter of a fisherman, Pasquale Badaano, and his pretty wife, and lived in a tenement at 40 Lewis street. There is another child, a boy 6 years old. And yesterday the baby played out of doors, as all the children of the quarter like to do. Lewis street was in a shadow, and chilly with the easterly wind, and the little child wandered down, less than 20 years, to the corner.

## WELSH DEFEATED PAYNT.

Fast Ten Round Bout in New York  
Last Night.

New York, May 8.—Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight, defeated Frank Payne of California in a fast ten round bout before the Fairmount Athletic club here last night.

Neither man was able to hit very hard and while both were clever, the English visitor, who appeared for the first time in New York last night, was the master hand at every stage of the mild.

Frayne did a lot of roughing but he always got the worst of the argument at short range. Welsh landed to frequently that had his blows been backed by even moderate power, a knockout might have been placed to his credit. None of the blows of the Californian was heavy enough to leave a mark on the Briton.

## ARMING FOR TROUBLE.

Paris Merchants Expect Trouble From  
Threatened Big Strike.

Paris, May 8.—The prospects of a paralyzing strike was threatened today by the failure of seven postmen, organizers of the postmen's strike on Thursday to appear before the court of discipline. They will be dismissed, which will probably precipitate an immediate strike. Postmen, telegraphers, telephone operators and railway locals are voting today on the strike question and will probably favor joining the operators. Small merchants are preparing to resist, with arms if possible, the raving and looting.

## LETTER TO COL. YOUNG.

Sent By The St. Albans Committee  
Which Invited Him.

St. Albans, May 8.—The committee having in charge the recently proposed visit to St. Albans of Gen. Bennett H. Young, the leader of the famous St. Albans raid of October 19, 1864, has replied to his telegram withdrawing his acceptance of the invitation on account of some hostile criticisms made by various Grand Army of the Republic men outside of this city. The text of the committee's letter follows:

"Gen. Bennett H. Young,

"Louisville, Ky.

"Dear General Young:

"The committee has delayed more

formally reply to your telegram of May

1 in the hope that such succeeding day

since its receipt would bring some

communication from you at greater

length.

"We can now only accept with sincere

regret your decision to withdraw

your acceptance of our invitation to

be the orator at St. Albans on the

occasion of the Champlain centenary

celebration July 5. We appreciate keenly

and sympathize deeply with the

spirit of proper pride and self-respect

that would prompt anyone to decline

only satisfaction we are able to snatch

from this unfortunate termination of

our good intention is that no hostile

demonstration against your coming has

proceeded out of St. Albans. Moreover

we are hopeful that you will thoroughly

hasten the memories of that cruel

war, but we are confident that you

have been publicly made elsewhere and

brought to your attention by the press

is not believed to represent the true

sentiment and disposition of the people

of Vermont generally.

"We would regret beyond expression

if you and our brethren at the South

could derive from the incident the

unfortunate impression that Vermont

is unconcerned to the spirit of forgiving

or forgetting the War of the Rebellion,

and we believe we speak for the great

majority of the people of this state

when we say that it is the devout

intention of the men and women of this

last day generation never to revive

with bitterness the memories of that

war, but to dwell in the fellowship and

kindship of a reunited people now and

for all the days that are left to us.

That is the spirit of Vermont of today

as we see it and interpret it; it is

in that spirit that we bade you to join

us in our celebration; and to that spirit

we are confident that you will

bring a righteous judgment upon the

ill-timed and violent abuse by a few

individuals in the public prints that has

now unfortunately prevented our

signaling together in most happy

concord, after forty-five years, the glorious

fact that the war is over.

"We still hope in view of this

explanation you may find it consistent

with your good judgment, as it certainly

is with our desire, to reconsider your

withdrawal.

"Very truly yours, Ernest J. Alexander,

Warren R. Austin, Milton S.

Bostwick, Frank L. Greene, Fuller G.

Smith, Charles E. Marchessault, Lee S.

Tillotson, John W. Hanley, George

Dunsmore."

## A BOMB EXPLODED.

23 People Were Injured at Buenos Ayres  
Yesterday.

Buenos Ayres, May 8.—The explosion of a bomb at the corner of Corrientes and Correo streets yesterday injured 23 persons, four of them seriously and caused great excitement for a time. The bomb was hidden in a basket of vegetables which was placed on the platform of a tramcar, presumably by some one in sympathy with the strike inaugurated on May day. A passenger heard a noise like the ticking of a clock emanating from the basket and informed the police. The basket was removed by an officer and the explosion followed almost immediately. Among the injured was Dr. Victor Anguilar, an under commissioner of police and three police agents. A little girl, who was passing by, had both legs injured and other persons were more or less injured. One arrest has been made in connection with the affair.

Although the Socialist party has decided to continue the general strike, the situation has decidedly improved. A number of cars and cabs were operated yesterday, though there was much difficulty and some disorder attending their progress through the streets.

Business is at a standstill and commerce has suffered enormously as a result of the strike. In fact, the situation had become so bad that the government took steps to act with the utmost energy to an end to the present state of affairs.

## JABBED 'EM WITH HAT PIN.

Mysterious Action of a Middle-aged Woman  
in New York Street.

New York, May 8.—Pedestrians on upper Broadway last night were startled by the actions of a middle-aged woman, dressed in deep mourning, who approached four men and one woman successively and jabbed each of them in the arm with a hat pin. When arrested the woman gave the name of Mary Maloney and an address in West Ninety-fourth street, which investigation showed to be a vacant lot. She was locked up charged with felonious assault.

Each victim was punctured in the right arm, though why the strange woman in black wielded her hat pin weapon is a mystery. All of the victims positively identified the prisoner as the woman who jabbed them, but she indignantly denied the charge.

## TRAVIS ALMOST BEATEN.

R. C. Watson 'Most Got Away With  
Him Yesterday Afternoon.

Marden City, N. Y., May 8.—Walter J. Travis, former national and international champion, narrowly escaped defeat yesterday afternoon in the annual tournament of the Garden City Golf club, at the hands of R. C. Watson of New York. Watson, who is a member at Garden City and secretary of the United States Golf association, has not been in better form for years. The only thing that saved Travis was the stymie which he laid his competitor on the home hole.

In the other match of the first division Albert Seckel of Princeton beat Arden M. Robbins of St. Andrews 1 up after having Robbins down three times.

CRAZY JUROR  
INCARCERATEDNew Turn in Jordan Case  
May Save Condemned Man

## NEW TRIAL TO BE ASKED

Willis A. White of Maynard, Mass., Placed  
in Worcester, Mass., Asylum To-day,  
a Raving Maniac Requiring Four  
Men to Restrain Him.

Boston, May 8.—Willis A. White of Maynard, the insane juror in the Chester Jordan murder trial, was to-day committed by Judge Keyes to the Worcester asylum. He raved and shouted while in the court room to-day, and four men were required to hold him. General Bartlett, Jordan's attorney in the murder trial, is prepared to petition Judge Stevens and Bell for a new trial for his client on the charge of murdering his wife, Honora Jordan, on which charge the jury found him guilty in the first degree recently.

If General Bartlett's petition is refused, he will carry the case to the supreme court on the grounds that Juror White has been insane for years. Jordan was jubilant to-day and declared: "They never will put me in the electric chair."

Juror White was declared insane yesterday by Dr. Frank U. Rich, who has been the White family physician for twenty years. He not only declared White insane at present, but that he was insane during the Jordan trial and had been insane for a long time before. White became violent yesterday afternoon and last night was placed under charge of a special officer.

Dr. Rich said that he met White at the post office yesterday morning and was called to the house in the afternoon. White was about town during the forenoon and conversed with acquaintances on various topics but his mind invariably reverted to the various phases of the Jordan trial. Many townspeople recall that since he returned from his duties in connection with the murder case he has dwelt upon the harrowing details continually and at times it seemed as though some of the incidents which had arisen during the course of the trial could not be driven from his mind.

White stated yesterday morning to a friend that he thought his duties as a juror had fatigued him greatly, but that since returning he was feeling much better.

About noon he appeared at the home of Selectman Arthur E. Walker, to whom White's peculiar conversation made it apparent that his mind was unsettled.

Selectman Walker persuaded White to return to his home, promising to accompany him. White appeared to be laboring under the impression that on account of the verdict of the jurors some harm was to befall him, and that several men were on his track seeking revenge.

Dr. Rich was called to the house in the afternoon because Mrs. White had informed the board of selectmen that something must be done to protect her from her husband; that she feared he would do her injury. Dr. Rich was accompanied by Selectman Walker. A test of White's mental control was at once made.

They brought up the Jordan case, and said they understood that the jury had arrived at a verdict within 20 minutes of their retirement, but that they stayed out a long time for the purpose of fooling the public.

White went into a frenzy, declared the charge to be false, without one word of truth in it, and he ordered the officers from the house. Soon he became calmer and wanted to kiss the hands of the doctor, and then got down on his knees to kiss his feet.

According to Dr. Rich, White's insanity is not of an epileptic nature, but has shown itself in a generally unbalanced mind, and by such symptoms as constant muttering and rambling. White, says the doctor, conceals in the belief that her husband has not been right mentally for a long time.

White is a prosperous farmer and cattle dealer and lives with his wife and son.

## White's View of the Case.

White's view of the Jordan case right after the jury was released was as follows:

"Twelve men, eleven of whom were as capable and as good-hearted men as it has ever been my pleasure to meet, sat in the jury room during all those hours, and considered every bit of evidence, traced the life of Chester S. Jordan from the time of his birth, handled the exhibits, and then returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree.

"No 12 men ever went over evidence more thoroughly than we did. The responsibility that lay on our shoulders we never forgot. There were pitiable scenes enacted in the jury room during those 17 hours. Men paced the floor, with tears running down their cheeks and wringing their hands. Yet, their duty was manifest, and they did it.

"Time does not fly in the jury room. Rather does it linger as if every minute was loth to give way to the next. The tension is great, the awful sense of standing between another human being and death is omnipresent. Yet the evidence must be weighed carefully and impartially. Foreman Felton of Marlboro was the right man in the right place.

"He, time and again, supplied the links for which he sought in the complete chain of evidence, which we must have before we could conscientiously convict. The discussion was carried on with friendliness. I learned to love and admire some of my fellow-jurymen. And I feel sorry for Jordan. I wanted to shake his hand, but he had been taken away.

"I shall go to Cambridge some time this week and try and see Jordan, and, if I can, shake his hand."

BOSTON WOMAN  
TERRIBLY BURNEDMrs. Charles Gustin Was Washing in  
Kitchen of Her Home When Stove  
Exploded.

Boston, May 8.—While Mrs. Charles Gustin, 30 years old, of 3 Mulvey street, Dorchester, was working over the range last night shortly before 7 an explosion inside the stove threw the covers across the room and enveloped Mrs. Gustin in a sheet of flame. She was so frightfully burned that there is no hope for her recovery.

There was no one in the flat, which is on the third story, at the time except Mrs. Gustin, and she, armed with the pain from her burns, rushed out into the hall and down two flights to the home of Otto Paulson on the ground floor, her clothes burning more and more fiercely as her motions fanned the flames.

Mr. Paulson, with presence of mind, picked up a rug and put it about Mrs. Gustin, in the meantime heading out the flames with his hands. The woman's clothes had set fire to several places in the house as she came down the stairs, and as the rug caught fire in Mr. Paulson's flat a lively blaze was in progress. Some passersby pulled in an alarm from box 262, Blue Hill avenue and Wake Hill street, and the fire was soon extinguished.

Dr. G. W. Winchester of Wake Hill street was summoned and worked over Mrs. Gustin for more than an hour. As he thought her death was a question of a few hours at most, she was not removed to the City hospital, but was treated at her home.

The cause of the explosion could not be determined, but it is thought either Mrs. Gustin was starting the fire with the aid of kerosene or else that coal gas formed in the stove.

WIFE MAKES PLEA  
FOR LIEUT. STOSSELSays That Conditions of the Prison  
Where He is Confined Are Under-  
mining His Health and He  
Cannot Live Long.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—Emperor Nicholas has returned, unannounced, to his residence today, a letter received from Mrs. Stossel, wife of Gen. Stossel who surrendered Fort Arthur and is confined to the fortress St. Peter, informing the czar to release her husband or mitigate the sentence. The wife declares the conditions of the prison are undermining her husband's health. She says he cannot live long.

## DEATH OF ABNER BLISS.

Prominent Man of Georgia Died Sudden-  
ly After Operation.

St. Albans, May 8.—The death of Abner Bliss of Georgia occurred at the St. Albans hospital about nine o'clock last evening. Mr. Bliss, who had been in poor health for five years, had been twice operated upon for appendicitis and yesterday underwent an operation for tuberculosis of the knee. Last night his heart failed and he died very suddenly.

Mr. Bliss is survived by his mother, Mrs. O. S. Bliss and two sisters, Miss Nellie Bliss of Georgia and Miss Clara Bliss of this city, and also by a wife and three sons, Morris, Robert and Thomas R. Bliss.

Mr. Bliss was one of Georgia's best known business men and was about 53 years old. He was a member of the firm of Post & Bliss and had served his town as selectman, school director and assistant town clerk.

## SHIPMAN MEMORIAL.

Miss Stickney of Rutland Finishes the  
Design.

Rutland, May 8.—Miss Mary Stickney of this city has just completed the design for a memorial tablet to the late William Rollin Shipman, who was professor of rhetoric at Tufts college, Medford, Mass., and which will be set up in the chapel of that institution at commencement.

The design is a life-size bas-relief portrait, with suitable inscriptions, and it has been pronounced by good judges to be an excellent likeness of the distinguished educator, as well as a work of great artistic merit. It is 23 by 32 inches in size and will be sent to a bronze founder this week.

## BALL PLAYER REINSTATED.

Walsh and Evers May Play With Their  
Teams Again.

Cincinnati, May 8.—Chairman Herman of the base ball commission announced yesterday afternoon that Pitcher Walsh and First baseman Evers of the Chicago Nationals have been reinstated to good standing and again can play with their respective clubs. It has not yet been decided what amount of fine to impose upon the players, Hermann saying that the matter will be settled within the next few days.

## THE MEN HIGHER UP

Will Lead to Wall Street, It Is Believed.

New York, May 8.—On the trail of the men higher up in the fraud cases against the American Sugar Refinery, the best detectives of the government employ are working, and it is believed that the trail leads to Wall street, implicating men high in the world of finance. The six men who were indicted yesterday charged with making false returns, will be given a preliminary hearing on Wednesday.

## Ketchell-McGann Bout Postponed.

New York, May 8.—The six-round bout between Stanley Ketchell and Hugh McGann, which was to have taken place in Pittsburgh last night, has been postponed until May 13, in order to give both men more time for training. This bout was intended as a preliminary for Ketchell, who has now bought a long course of training for his fight next October, with Jack Johnson at Colma, Cal. Ketchell has taken to golf as one of his means of getting into condition, and spends much of his time on the Van Cortlandt Park links.

WOMAN IS  
CONVICTEDOnly 25 Minutes for Jury to  
Decide It

## FRIENDS COME TO HER AID

Declare That They Will Finance an Ap-  
peal—Boyle Says, "What's the Use  
When They Won't Let Us Tell  
the Guilty Ones?"

Mercer, Pa., May 8.—After twenty-five minutes consideration and one ballot the jury today found Mrs. James Boyle guilty of aiding in kidnapping Willie White. Her friends have promised their aid in the case and it is likely to be appealed on the grounds that she did no criminal act in Pennsylvania but in Ohio. Boyle who was convicted of kidnapping the child was not in court today.

"I am satisfied," he said, "What's the use if they won't let me tell the names of the people who did plan this thing?"

The surprise of the trial is the fidelity of Jimmie Boyle to his wife whom he absolves from all knowledge of the acts.

Declaring that he had not had a fair trial and he wanted to tell the whole truth about the kidnapping case, James Boyle yesterday created commotion in the court room and was with difficulty prevented from telling his version of the affair. Boyle was put on the witness stand for the state, and asked to produce the first letter to Mr. White demanding \$10,000 ransom. Without any reference to the letter Boyle almost shouted out:

"I want to tell the truth about this case now. I want the whole thing cleared up. I was not to blame. The whole blame was on someone else."

Attorneys for both state and defense and Judge Miller tried to stop Boyle's tongue. He finally denied having the letter, saying he had once had it and the subsequent letters, but he did not know now where they were.

Miss E. Mills, proprietor of the Granger apartments in Cleveland, where "Billy" says he was kept, identified Boyle and Mrs. Boyle as the couple who had rented an apartment from her on March 15, giving the names of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters. She said both dismissed the renting of the apartments, but the man paid for two weeks in advance. Mrs. Boyle accommodatingly took off her hat so that a better view could be obtained and Miss Mills seemed certain she could not be mistaken.

## WILL EXEMPT TANNERY.

Bethel Voters Take Steps to Keep One  
of Its Big Industries.

Bethel, May 8.—At a meeting of the legal voters of the town, held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the town hall, it was voted to exempt from taxation for ten years a proposed new tannery plant and the capital required to carry on the business. The final adjustment of the insurance of the E. C. Fisher company is expected to be consummated in Boston and following this the decision in regard to the rebuilding of the plant is expected. Indications at present are favorable to the building of another tannery, though no definite decision is yet made known.

## IN LONELY CAMP.

Clarence M. Maine, Aged 85, Committed  
Suicide Near Methuen, Mass.

Lawrence, Mass., May 8.—Clarence M. Maine, aged 85 years and unmarried, was found today hanging in a lonely camp in the woods near Methuen. He lived at 15 Elm street in this city. The cause for the suicide is not known.

## CHELSEA.

Mrs. Nathan J. Hill and daughter returned last week from a visit to her parents, who reside in Moores, N. Y. They were accompanied by N. J. Hill's father, Harry J. Hill, who is spending a few days as the guest of his son.

Mrs. Ann E. Goss, who has spent the winter with her children in Massachusetts, returned to town Friday and has opened her house on Main street for the summer.

Work at the Fred E. Goodwin saw-mill will be resumed again Monday, the 10th, and Mr. Goodwin expects to complete the work of sawing out his stock of logs before the first of June.

At a meeting of the Village Improvement society held at the rooms of the Tyrian club, Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, H. N. Mattison; vice-president, E. A. Corwin; secretary and treasurer, W. H. Sprague; executive committee, George A. Tracy, Wilder H. Dearborn, Oliver E. Burgess, B. H. Adams, Jr. and Rev. Fred Daniels.

R. H. Adams, Jr., has sold his Leander Bennett farm in Washington to Bennett Morgan of Graniteville, who owns a farm adjoining the Bennett farm. The consideration is said to be \$600. Mr. Morgan, the purchaser, is a native of Poland and having resided on his farm in Washington for several years, is well and favorably known here.

Mrs. Fannie Powers, who has been visiting friends in Hanover, N. H., for two weeks, has returned to her home here in the village.

Clarence H. Corlies returned Friday evening from a business trip to White River Junction and the White mountains.

R. H. Adams, Jr., returned Friday night from Boston, Mass., where he went to attend a horse sale, and as a result brought back four horses for his sale stable.

Miss Emma Carr has gone to West Fairlee, where she has been engaged to teach the spring term of school.

E. H. Kennedy has recently added to his already up-to-date stock of tools for repairing wagons and carriages a cold as one of his means of getting into condition, and spends much of his time on the Van Cortlandt Park links.

## BARRE MAN CLEVERER.

Somerville Threw Frank White of Marl-  
boro at Montpelier Last Night.

Bob Somerville's famous giant swing paved the way for his eighth straight wrestling victory last night at the Montpelier opera house when he threw Frank White of Marlboro, Mass., in two straight falls, the Barre man then getting a scissors hold, followed by an arm lock, which brought White to the mat after 35 minutes of wrestling. The second fall came in 21 minutes, and was done with a scotch-and-rock hold.

It was evident from the start that Somerville would throw his man, although White was the best man with his legs that Somerville has met this season. They weighed the same, but White was weakened by the loss of blood. His nose began to bleed after the first five minutes of the bout and the mat soon looked like the scene of a murder. Between the bouts also White bled profusely. Eli Bourdon refereed the match.

The collar-and-elbow match was a disappointment, as James O'Neill of Montpelier and W. F. Bannister of Randolph, the participants, simply pranced about for a time until Bannister broke his hold and the match went to O'Neill. Young French of Montpelier and Charles Bixby of Barre wrestled ten minutes to a draw, catch-as-catch-can, and French immediately challenged Bixby to the best two out of three, finish match.

Dave Spicer put in a challenge for O'Neill of Montpelier to wrestle any man in the United States collar-and-elbow at 160 pounds, and later Eli Bourdon came out and accepted, whereupon, O'Neill said he would think it over. Fritz Hansen sent a challenge to anybody of his weight, and "Sailor" Mack wrote that he wanted to go up against Somerville and redeem himself for his defeat in Barre a short time ago.

There was a big crowd in the opera house, this city contributing many people.

## JUDGMENT AFFIRMED.

In Case of Norcross vs. Brown in Su-  
preme Court of Vermont.

Supreme court will reconvene next Tuesday morning, after an adjournment taken yesterday afternoon. Prior to the adjournment the Chelton county case of Frank R. Joslyn vs. the Moose River Lumber company was submitted on briefs. The Lamotte county case of O